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SUBJECT: US POSITION ON 1976-77 UN PROGRAM BUDGET

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1. RE PARA 8 OF REFTTEL A, USDEL HAS BEEN CONSULTING CLOSELY WITH OTHER DELS ON HOW THEY LIKELY TO VOTE ON 1976-77 UN PROGRAM BUDGET. IN WEO FIFTH COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND PRIVATE DISCUSSIONS WE HAVE INDICATED POSSIBLE DIFFICULTIES USDEL MIGHT HAVE IN SUPPORTING ANTICIPATED PROGRAM BUDGET BECAUSE OF POINTS CONTAINED REFTTEL A. WE HAVE BEEN UNABLE UNTIL NOW TO GET PRECISE INDICATION OF WHAT OTHER MAJOR CONTRIBUTORS ARE LIKELY TO DO SINCE THEY WERE AWAITING FINAL INSTRUCTIONS FROM THEIR RESPECTIVE GOVERNMENTS BASED ON FINAL OUTCOME RESULTING FROM LATE DECISIONS TO BE TAKEN IN FIFTH COMMITTEE. HOWEVER, THE EC-9 HAVE JUST DECIDED TO VOTE YES WITHOUT EXCEPTION, AND WE THINK IT HIGHLY UNLIKELY NOW THERE WILL BE ANY ABSTENTIONS, MUCH LESS NEGATIVE VOTES, FROM ANY DELEGATIONS OTHER THAN SOVIET BLOC. LATTER WILL PROBABLY VOTE NO.

2. WHILE WE APPRECIATE REASONS CONTAINED REFTESL A AND B TO JUSTIFY A NEGATIVE VOTE BY US, WE BELIEVE THAT ON THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WHOLE THIS WOULD NOT BE WISE COURSE OF ACTION DUE TO (A)

DECISION TAKEN DECEMBER 15 ON UNIDO BY FIFTH COMMITTEE TO ACCEPT ACABQ'S RECOMMENDATION OF \$45.2 MILLION FOR SECTION 12, ITS CRITICAL COMMENTS ON UNIDO PROGRAM BUDGET SUBMISSION, AND ITS REQUEST TO SYG TO SUBMIT NEW AND JUSTIFIED PROPOSALS TO NEXT UNGA; (B) DECISION BY FIFTH COMMITTEE TO REDUCE INFLATION FACTOR IN 1976 THEREBY REDUCING BUDGET LEVEL BY \$12.8 MILLION; (C) EXPECTED OVERALL BUDGET LEVEL OF ABOUT \$746 MILLION WHICH WELL BELOW OUR INITIAL PROJECTION OF \$765 MILLION; (D) DECISION BY FIFTH COMMITTEE TO ESTABLISH 54-MEMBER NEGOTIATING COMMITTEE ON UN FINANCIAL SITUATION WHICH DREW CO-SPONSORSHIP FROM LDCS AND WAS ADOPTED IN FIFTH COMMITTEE BY 65(US)-0-11(SOVIET BLOC); (E) INADVISABILITY OF APPEARING OVERLY NEGATIVE IN LIGHT OF ACHIEVEMENTS OF UNGA SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION; (F) SUCCESS ON BALANCE OF ACABQ IN REDUCING SYG REQUESTS WHERE EXCESSIVE, TOGETHER WITH FACT THAT FIFTH COMMITTEE UPHOLD THESE REDUCTIONS FOR THE MOST PART (G) SUCCESS, ALBEIT LIMITED, IN PROVIDING OPPORTUNITY FOR UN TO REDUCE VOLUME AND COST OF RECORDS FOR MEETINGS AND (H) INITIAL ATTEMPT BY SECRETARIAT TO DEAL WITH PROBLEM OF ESTABLISHING WITHIN UN BADLY NEEDED EVALUATION CAPABILITY.

3. IN LIGHT OF ABOVE, MISSION RECOMMENDS THAT USDEL BE AUTHORIZED TO ABSTAIN ON OVERALL PROGRAM BUDGET FOR 1976/77. REQUEST IMMEDIATE INSTRUCTIONS SINCE SECOND READING EXPECTED TO TAKE PLACE IN FIFTH COMMITTEE EVENING OF DECEMBER 16. IF WE AUTHORIZED TO ABSTAIN, USDEL WOULD DRAW ON VERY USEFUL INFO CONTAINED REFTEL B.

4. WE WILL OF COURSE VOTE NO IN SECOND READING ON FOUR INDIVIDUAL SECTIONS OF BUDGET: 3 (POLITICAL AFFAIRS, TRUSTEESHIP AND DECOLONIZATION), 15 (TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE), 18 (HUMAN RIGHTS), 21 (PUBLIC INFORMATION) FOR THE SAME REASONS WE DID IN FIRST READING, OR IN THE CASE OF 18 BECAUSE OF THE SUPERVENING ZIONISM RESOLUTION.  
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